

IN THE CLAIMS

Please rewrite the claims as follows:

1. (cancelled)
2. (previously amended) The bag of claim 21 wherein the configured shape of a ball is in the shape of a round ball.
3. (previously amended) The bag of claim 21 wherein the configured shape of a ball is in the shape of a basketball.
4. (previously amended) The bag of claim 21 wherein the configured shape of a ball is in the shape of a baseball.
5. (previously amended) The bag of claim 21 wherein the configured shape of a ball is in the shape of a soccer ball.
6. (cancelled)
7. (cancelled)
8. (previously amended) The bag of claim 21 wherein said one outer pocket is formed of a solid fabric.
9. (previously amended) The bag of claim 21 wherein said one outer pocket is formed of a mesh fabric.
10. (previously amended) The bag of claim 21 wherein said one outer pocket includes an interior cavity and said entryway communicates with and provides access to said interior cavity.
11. (previously amended) The bag of claim 21 wherein said entryway includes a zipper which has an open position and a

closed position, said zipper when in an open position affording access to the interior cavity of said one outer pocket.

12. (previously amended) The bag of claim 21 further comprising

a flap operatively connected to at least one of said entryway and said exterior surface of the outer member, said flap having an open position and a closed position, said flap when in an open position affording access through said entryway to the interior cavity of said one outer pocket.

13. (currently amended) The bag of claim ~~[21]~~ 12 wherein said outer pocket includes a second fastening member which cooperates with a mating member located on at least one of a flap and exterior surface of the outer member.

14. (currently amended) The bag of claim ~~[21]~~ 13 wherein said second fastening member and said mating member are mating elements defining a hook and loop fastener.

15. (currently amended) The bag of claim ~~[21]~~ 13 wherein said second fastening member is at least one of a button and a button hole and said mating member is the other of said at least one of a button and a button hole.

16. (currently amended) The bag of claim ~~[21]~~ 13 wherein said second fastening member is at least one of a rotatable fastener and an aperture for receiving a rotatable fastener and said mating member is the other of said at least one of a rotatable fastener and an aperture for receiving a rotatable fastener.

17. (original) The bag of claim 9 wherein said mesh fabric is formed of an elastic material.

18. (cancelled)

19. (cancelled)

20. (cancelled)

21 (currently amended) A bag for holding an outer member having an interior and an exterior surface configured in the shape of a ball and defining an inner enclosed space, said exterior surface including an opening formed therein in a selected direction and in communication with said inner enclosed space for affording the insertion and removal of ball from said outer member;

a carrying handle connected in a predetermined position to said outer member at a location other than the opening, said carrying handle having a first strap member having a first end and a second end, said first end being operatively connected to

said outer member, said second end terminating in a strap connecting member, said carrying hand having a second strap member having a first end and a second end, said first end of said second strap member being operatively connected to said exterior surface of said outer member, said second end of said second strap member being operatively connected to said second strap connecting member wherein said strap connecting member and said second end of said strap member are moveable relative to each other;

a fastening member having an open ~~end~~ position and a closed position, said fastening member being operatively connected to said opening ~~to said first end and said second end of the carrying handle~~ formed in the exterior surface of said outer member and being adapted to make said opening an unsecured opening when said fastening member is in the open position and adapted to make said opening a secured opening when said fastening member is in a closed position; ~~and~~

at least one outer pocket positioned on and protruding outwardly from the exterior surface of said outer member at a location other than the opening and having an entryway enabling the insertion and removal of an article from said one outer pocket; and

an elongated carrying strap having a first end and a second end, said first end of said elongated carrying strap being operatively connected to said first end of said first strap member and said second end of said elongated carrying strap member being operatively coupled to the second end of said second strap member.

22. (previously added/allowed) The bag of claim 21 having at least two outer pockets positioned on said exterior surface of the outer member and protruding outwardly at a location other than said opening and spaced from said carrying handle, said at least one outer pocket having an entryway enabling the insertion and removal of an article from said at least one outer pocket independent of a ball being located in said inner enclosed space.

23. (cancelled)

24. (previously amended) The bag of claim 21 wherein said elongated carrying strap has a length and is configured to form at least one selected from the group consisting of a pack sac and a knapsack.